

Health Care Provider Fact Sheet

Disease Name

Tyrosinemia, type 1

Alternate name(s)

Hereditary infantile tyrosinemia, Hepatorenal tyrosinemia, Fumarylacetoacetase deficiency, Fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase

Acronym

FAH deficiency

Disease Classification

Amino Acid Disorder

Variants

Yes

Variant name

Tyrosinemia I chronic-type, Tyrosinemia II, Tyrosinemia III

Symptom onset

Infancy

Symptoms

Hepatocellular degeneration leading to acute hepatic failure or chronic cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma, renal Fanconi syndrome, peripheral neuropathy, seizures and possible cardiomyopathy.

Natural history without treatment

Chronic liver disease leading to cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma. Renal tubular disease (Fanconi syndrome) with phosphaturia, aminoaciduria and often glycosuria. May lead to clinical rickets. Peripheral neuropathy. Self-injurious behavior, seizures and cardiomyopathy have been observed. Coagulation problems.

Natural history with treatment

Hepatic disease may progress despite dietary treatment. NTBC treatment leads to improvements in kidney, liver and neurologic function, but may not affect incidence of liver cancer.

Treatment

Dietary restriction of phenylalanine and tyrosine. NTBC (2-(2-nitro-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione) treatment which improves hepatic and renal function. Liver transplantation when indicated to prevent hepatocellular carcinoma. Vitamin D to heal rickets.

Other

Unpleasant odor due to accumulation of methionine. Sometimes described as "cabbage-like" odor.

Emergency Medical Treatment

See sheet from American College of Medical Genetics (attached) or for more information, go to website <http://www.acmg.net/StaticContent/ACT/Tyrosine.pdf>

Physical phenotype

No abnormalities present at birth. May develop widely-spaced incisors, pes planus, epicanthus and microcephaly.

Inheritance

Autosomal recessive

General population incidence

1:100,000

Ethnic differences

Yes

Population

French Canadian (Sagueny-Lac Saint Jean region) 1:20 carrier rate

Ethnic incidence

1:1846

Enzyme location

Liver, kidney, lymphocytes, fibroblasts

Enzyme Function

Metabolizes fumarylacetoacetic acid into fumaric acid and acetoacetic acid

Missing Enzyme

Fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase

Metabolite changes

Increased urinary succinylacetone, increased tyrosine and methionine in serum, increased alpha fetoprotein.

Prenatal testing

Enzymatic assay of amniocytes or CVS cells. Direct DNA testing in amniocytes or CVS cells if mutations known. Succinylacetone in amniotic fluid.

MS/MS Profile

N/A

OMIM Link

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/dispomim.cgi?id=276700>

Genetests Link

www.genetests.org

Support Group

National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation

<http://www.nucdf.org>

National Coalition for PKU and Allied Disorders

<http://www.pku-allieddisorders.org/>

Children Living with Inherited Metabolic Diseases

<http://www.climb.org.uk/>

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